

**Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
August 15, 2005**

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- Soil gas and indoor air sampling was completed at the three schools near the Wyle site. The sampling was designed to address community concerns and to determine whether contaminants from Wyle have a potential to impact the schools. We anticipate that the results of this sampling will be available in late August.
- Indoor air sampling will be conducted this week at four homes near the intersection of Third and Hillside (west of Golden West Lane). Previous soil gas results showed varying TCE (trichloroethene) concentrations at four of the homes. The highest TCE concentrations were 41 and 44 parts per billion at two of the four homes, both at a depth of 10 feet below ground surface. Indoor air sampling will be conducted at the four homes to make sure they are not affected by TCE vapors.
- Based on public concern about potential impacts to the surrounding community from demolition activities on the Wyle site, on August 4, 2005 we sent a letter to St. Clair (current property owner) requesting copies of all lead-based paint and asbestos- containing material certifications of buildings demolished on the Wyle site. These certifications are to show that any lead or asbestos has been properly removed and disposed of according to EPA and state regulations (lead and asbestos removal is not within DTSC's jurisdiction). Additionally, in our letter we requested documentation on the handling, transportation, and disposal on-site demolition debris and health and safety plan for these activities. St. Clair has indicated they will provide this information to DTSC this week.
- All demolition activities onsite have been completed. Prior to demolition, buildings were surveyed for asbestos-containing material and lead-based paint. During demolition, dust control measures were used to ensure no significant amount of dust was generated. Demolition involved only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil.
 - Buildings demolished: All site buildings except F1A, F1B and H1.
 - Wood and building debris has been moved offsite.
 - Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building concrete debris is complete.
- Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

Last week

Onsite:

- Conducted soil and grab ground water sampling in Areas J, K, and F.

Offsite:

- Conducted pre-screening survey at four homes at the intersection of Third and Hillside, where indoor air samples will be collected. The pre-screening survey included doing a chemical inventory at each home.
- Conducted soil gas and grab groundwater sampling at a property located on Hillside Avenue. This home is across the street from Norco High School Football field, near Wyle's property boundary

Sampling planned for this week:

Onsite:

- Begin and continue drilling bedrock core sample at location CH-2.
- Soil, soil gas, and grab groundwater sampling of remaining borings in all areas.

Offsite:

- Begin and complete collection of 24-hour indoor air quality sampling at four homes at the intersection of Third and Hillside (west of Golden West Lane).
- Conduct Third Quarter 2005 sampling of permanent vapor probes VW-1 through VW-5 (along Golden West Lane) and VW-10, VW-12, VW-13, VW-14, and VW-15 (at the intersection of Third Street and Hillside Avenue).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- We are holding a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed cleanup (called a Removal Action Workplan) for the northwest area of Wyle, near Golden West Lane. The dates for public comment are from August 12, 2005 through September 12, 2005. The public comment period includes a fact sheet describing the proposed cleanup that was sent to the mailing list last week and posted on our website; a paid advertisement in the newspaper on August 12; and an open house and public meeting on August 23, 2005. The agenda for the public meeting will include a discussion of the proposed remedy, answer questions, and take written and oral comments. We also anticipate discussing results of the schools indoor air quality sampling. The draft cleanup proposal will be available at the Corona Public Library, Norco City Hall, our office in Cypress, and on our website.